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SUBJ: SPACE SHUTTLE CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: (A) STATE 279674 (NOTAL), (B) ANKARA 2441

1. TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SPECIFICALLY TOLD EMBOFF
JULY 11 THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOT TO APPROVE USE OF
INCIRLIK CDI FOR EMERGENCY SPACE-SHUTTLE LANDING FIELD AS
LONG AS US MILITARY SALES EMBARGO ON TURKEY REMAINS IN
EFFECT. HALUK OZGUL, DIRECTOR, MFA/DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AGREEMENTS, SAID THAT INCIRLIK IS INSTALLATION AT
CENTER OF CRUCIAL ISSUE BETWEEN US AND TURKEY. COMPLICATING
TURKISH SENSITIVITIES ON THE MATTER IS THE FACT, OZGUL SAID,
THAT ALL OTHER LANDING AREAS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH US
HAS ASKED TO USE AS EMERGENCY LANDING SITES ARE US BASES.
THE INCLUSION OF INCIRLIK IN THIS LIST "BY INFERENCE" CATALOGS
IT AS ANOTHER US BASE, HE SAID. OZGUL SAID THAT ALTHOUGH
HIS OFFICE HAD SOME TIME AGO RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE US
REQUEST, THE MEMORANDUM HAS REMAINED SHELVED IN THE OFFICE OF
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ISSUE WOULD NOT
BE SO SENSITIVE IF THE US WERE TO REQUEST USE OF ANOTHER
FIELD IN TURKEY, IE, A NON-NATO INSTALLATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO
DO FURTHER ABOUT THIS MATTER UNTIL THE OUTCOME OF THE CONGRESS-
SIONAL VOTE ON THE REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO IS KNOWN. IN THE

MEANTIME, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT NASA HAS MADE ALTERNATIVE
PLANS AND IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN INCIRLIK AS AN EMERGENCY
LANDING SITE. IF ANOTHER AIRFILED IN TURKEY IS SUITABLE FOR
THIS PURPOSE, WE COULD CONSIDER REQUESTING ITS USE, EVEN IF
CONGRESS SHOULD FAIL TO REPEAL EMBARGO.
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